Scheme for Modernisation of Handlooms

2664. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement a scheme for modernisation of handlooms to upgrade the technology;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed scheme;

(c) whether the State Government and central Government will share equality to implement the scheme;

(d) the details of the allocations made by the Central Government for the proposed scheme; and

(e) to what extent the handloom weavers in the country would be benefitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The Government is already implementing a Scheme for modernisation of looms.

(b) The per loom assistance for modernisation of looms is Rs. 4,000/- for ordinary loom; Rs. 8,000/- for Jacquard/Pedal loom and Rs. 2,500/- for purchase of accessories.

(c) The Central and the State Governments are sharing the assistance equally.

(d) The Central Government has made a provision of Rs. 240.00 lakhs under the scheme for 1992-93.

(e) Approximately, 16000 handlooms in the country will be modernised during 1992-93.

Inter-Ministerial Committee on Jute Industry

2665. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up inter-ministerial committee to suggest policy measures for modernisation and diversification of jute industry; and

(b) by when the inter-ministrial committee contemplates to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The committee has been asked to submit its report by 30th September, 1992.

Reorganisation of the Office of the Textile Commissioner

2666. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) when the Office of Textile Commissoner was established in India;

(b) whether it has any relevance in view of the economic reforms introduced in India;

(c) whether Government propose to reorganise this office; and

(d) if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Office of the Textile Commissioner was established in 1943.

(b) While the nature and emphasis of its work may change from time to time, it has continuing relevance.

(c) and (d) changes in its staffing pattern, strength of head office, location and staff strength of its bran-